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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – Police Arrest Spice-Selling Suspects on Skid Row

(U) Los Angeles police have arrested five people they believe sold spice on Skid Row, where the synthetic drug is blamed for sickening dozens of users. Police say gang and narcotics investigators made the arrests on 31 August and investigators later found chemicals used to make the drug at a home in South Los Angeles. Spice overdoses are believed to have sickened some 70 people on Skid Row in recent weeks and Los Angeles is considering banning the drug.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [Associated Press](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Florida – Zika-Carrying Mosquitoes Found for First Time in US

(U) Miami Beach – Mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus have been identified in Miami Beach, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said yesterday. The three mosquito samples that tested positive were the first findings of Zika-carrying mosquitoes in the continental US, which Florida officials said was disappointing but not surprising. It was determined in late July that local transmissions had occurred in the Miami area. Meanwhile, the World Health Organization recently announced that the outbreak of Zika remains an international health emergency while the virus continues to hit new countries.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [CNN](#) and 2 September 2016, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) Illinois – Homicides Highest in 20 Years

(U) Chicago – Chicago saw its deadliest month in two decades in August, recording 90 homicides for the month, the city's police department said yesterday. Through 31 August, Chicago had recorded 469 homicides, putting the city on pace for 700 by year's end. In response, Mayor Rahm Emanuel is planning to hire "hundreds" of additional police officers to stop the never-ending cycle of gang violence responsible for the bulk of the murders, according to the city council floor leader.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [Chicago Sun Times](#)

#### (U) New York – Ex-Air China Worker Charged by US for Smuggling for Chinese Military

(U) New York – An ex-Air China employee was indicted on 31 August for smuggling packages onto flights from New York to China on behalf of Chinese military personnel stationed at the country's UN mission, US prosecutors said. Ying Lin, 46, was also accused in an indictment filed in federal court in Brooklyn of obstructing justice by helping a Chinese national, who the Federal Bureau of Investigation was investigating, flee the country last year. Lin was previously arrested in August 2015 and charged for structuring financial transactions. She pleaded not guilty.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) Virginia – Romanian Hacker Gets 4-Year Sentence in US

(U) Alexandria – A Romanian hacker who went by the online moniker "Guccifer" got four years and four months in prison on 29 August for releasing private emails, medical data and financial information from

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senior political figures, including Bush family members. Marcel Lehel Lazar, 44, pleaded guilty in May after being extradited from Romania, where he was serving a seven-year sentence for prior hacks. In all, Lazar has admitted gaining unauthorized access to the personal email and social media accounts of about 100 Americans from at least October 2012 to January 2014, including a relative of former president George W. Bush.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [AFP](#)

**(U) Virginia – Hepatitis A Outbreak Up To 59 Cases in Virginia as Five Other States Investigate Links**

(U) Richmond – A hepatitis A outbreak first identified in Virginia among people who drank smoothies containing strawberries from Egypt has been linked to cases of the virus in six other states. Today, the Virginia Health Department confirmed 59 people have been found infected with hepatitis A. Of those sickened, at least 32 have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. CDC officials said they expect the outbreak to grow since the incubation period for the virus is between 15 to 50 days.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [ABC News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Pakistan – Bombs Kill at Least 12, Wound Dozens at Pakistan Court**

(U) Mardan – Two bombs killed at least 12 people and wounded dozens outside a court complex in northwest Pakistan today, a rescue official said, hours after militants killed two people in a Christian neighborhood in the same region. Both attacks were claimed by Jamaat-ur-Ahrar, a breakaway Pakistani Taliban faction believed to be behind some of the past year's deadliest attacks. The group's spokesman vowed to stage more attacks against "law enforcement installations and... un-Islamic courts."

SOURCE: 2 September 2016, [Reuters](#)

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**(U) Turkey – Authorities Arrest Two Wanted ISIL Militants in Raid**

(U) Gaziantep – Authorities in the southeastern province of Gaziantep on 1 September arrested two suspected ISIL militants, along with one woman allegedly linked to the group, ahead of a suspected terror attack plot. ISIL suspects Talha Güneş and Abdulmutallip Demir were detained in a police raid on their apartment. During a search inside the apartment, police found 44 pounds of TNT, one ready-to-use suicide vest with two molds of explosives, three hand bombs, one hand-made explosive, one Glock pistol, 385 cartridges, seven empty suicide vests, material used in hand made explosive production, five detonating caps, one mechanism to activate suicide bomb system, and multiple digital materials.

SOURCE: 1 September 2016, [Hurriyet Daily News](#)

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